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AMENDMENT IN REPLY TO ACTION OF MAY 18, 2005

Please reconsider and reexamine the claims in view of the following remarks:

REMARKS

The Examiner rejected claims 1 and 2 as being unpatentable over Willis (U.S. Patent 6,693,857) in view of Arataki et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,831,955 "hereinafter Arataki). Applicant traverses this rejection. We submit that, in general, Willis does not disclose restarting the writing of data when a write data address and a read data address are the same and a write data reading timing and a read data encoding timing are the same.

Independent Claim 1

More specifically, and as argued in the response to the previous Office Action, Willis does not disclose a data recorder for writing to a recording medium including, among other features, 1) a synchronizing circuit for synchronizing the written data read from the recording medium with the encoded data when the writing of data to the recording medium is interrupted,

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